

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The holding device of claim 2 10, wherein the bent component comprises wire.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The holding device of claim 7, wherein said means for removably pressing is located on an upper side of the holding device.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A holding device for an article to be processed comprising:

(a) an actuating lever;

(b) means for removably pressing at least a part of the article to be processed against a processing head connectable with the holding device, said means being removable from a contact position via said actuation lever and comprising a pressing member pretensioned towards the processing head by a spring;

(c) a first hand grip for one hand of an operator; and

(d) a second hand grip for another hand of the operator; wherein the processing head is part of a device for the removal or setting of eyelets and for punching holes in the article, and the article is a tarpaulin provided with or to be provided with eyelets.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The holding device of claim 7 wherein said actuating lever is within reach of said second hand grip.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The holding device of claim 3 wherein said bent component comprises spring steel wire.

Claim 10 (New): A holding device for an article to be processed comprising:

(a) an actuating lever;

(b) means for removably pressing at least a part of the article to be processed against a processing head connectable with the holding device, said means being removable from a contact position via said actuation lever and comprising a bent component pretensioned towards the processing head;

(c) a first hand grip for one hand of an operator; and

(d) a second hand grip for another hand of the operator; wherein the processing head is part of a device for the removal or setting of eyelets and for punching holes in the article, and the article is a tarpaulin provided with or to be provided with eyelets.